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EDITORIAL

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A NEW RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLOR ASSIGNED TO THE COONAMBLE AREA

Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW – Central West (RFCS-CW) today announced the appointment of Andrew Shearer to the position of Coonamble Rural Financial Counsellor (RFC).

Rural Financial Counselling Service Program objectives are to provide Coonamble farmers and rural small businesses with access to financial information, options, decision support and referrals to other sources of industry, professional and government assistance; and to empower clients to make their own decision on how to most effectively manage change and adjustment issues within their rural enterprise.

Jeff Caldbeck, CEO of the RFCS-CW, advised today that throughout the past 12 months the services has focused on supporting the Coonamble rural community whilst it has battled the combined effects of unfavourable seasonal conditions, and the longer term challenge of climate change. This was never so evident as in late 2010 and early 2011 when the Castlereagh River flooded and the Shire was declared a Natural Disaster.

Jeff identified clearly that he was very pleased RFCS-CW could attract a person of Andrew's calibre, stating "this is a positive appointment as Andrew is a local Coonamble resident with over 20 years experience working in the rural sector throughout VIC, QLD and NSW, and in more recently times Andrew has also undertaken to work towards completing a Bachelor of Agribusiness through UNE".

As Andrew's degree is nearing completion he is looking forward to working within the Coonamble area as the local RFC and will undertake to provide primary producers and small rural businesses with free and confidential financial counselling and referral support through the Coonamble office, located at the 58a Castlereagh St, Coonamble.

For more information on the services provided by Rural Financial Counselling Service and to make contact with Andrew Shearer, please call his mobile 0419 402 295 or our Coonamble office number on 02 68223220.

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